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SUMMARY: OPPOSITION GROUPS HELD SERIES OF FIVE SPIRITED
BUT ORDERLY DEMONSTRATIONS AT YOKOSUKA ON
MIDWAY ARRIVAL DATE OCTOBER 5. TOTAL TURNOUT FOR
ALL THESE EVENTS WAS 8,300. CITY WAS
CALM THROUGHOUT MOST OF DAY. SPORADIC CLASHES
WHICH OCCURED BETWEEN POLICE AND STUDENT PARADERS
RESULTED ONLY FROM POLICE EFFORTS TO STOP STUDENTS
FROM SNAKE-DANCING. MAIN ANTI-MIDWAY
EVEN WILL BE OCTOBER 7. SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS
ARE SEEKING 45,000 PARTIPANTS, BUT POLICE THINK ONLY
ABOUT HALF THIS NUMBER WILL TURN OUT. AT LEAST 10,000
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RIOT POLICE AND SUPPORTING ELEMENTS WILL BE MOBILIZED SUNDAY.

END SUMMARY.

1. OPPOSITION PARTIES AND STUDENT GROUPS
OBSERVED MIDWAY ARRIVAL DATE OCTOBER 5 WITH SERIES
OF FIVE SPIRTED BY ORDERLY DEMONSTRATIONS AT
YOKOSUKA. LARGEST EVENT WAS JSP-SPONSORED RALLY
AT SEASIDE PARK AND SUBSEQUENT PARADE DURING
RAINY EVENING HOURS. IT DREW 4,700 PARTICIPANTS.
AT SAME TIME, JCP HELD RALLY WITH 1,000 PARTICIPANTS
IN DOWNTOWN YOKOSKA LOCATION. THREE OTHER DEMONSTRATIONS
WERE THOSE OF EXTREMIST STUDENT GROUPS
(PRINCIPALLY KAKUMARU AND CHUKAKU) RANGING FROM
600 TO 1,200. THESE WERE HELD SEPARTELY EARLIER
IN THE DAY AT SUFFICIENT TIME INTERVALS THAT FORTUITOUSLY
AVOIDED POSSIBLE CLASHES BETWEEN RIVAL GROUPS. TOTAL TURNOUT
FOR ALL OF THESE EVENTS WAS 8,300, ACCORDING TO
NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY.

2. THROUGHOUT MOST OF DAY, CITY OF YOKOSUKA WAS
CALM, AND CITY DWELLERS SEEMED INDIFFERENT TO ARRIVAL
OF MIDWAY OR TO DEMONSTRATIONS, MADE UP MAINLY OF
PARTICIPANTS FROM AREAS OUTSIDE
YOKOSUKA. CLASHES OCCURRED FORM TIME TO TIME BETWEEN
POLICE AND EXTREMIST STUDENT PARADERS, BUT THSE RESULTED
ONLY FORM POLICE EFFORTS TO STOP SNAKE-DANCING WHICH
IS ILLEGAL IN KANAGAWA PREFECTURE. AS ON NOVEMBER 30,
POLICE USED OVERWHELMING NUMBERS (OFTEN
OUTNUMBERING STUDENTS 10 TO 1) TO PREVENT THEM FROM
DOING ANYTHING BUT WALKING SWIFTLY FROM SEASIDE PARK
TO DOWNTOWN RAILROAD STATION. WHILE POLICE ANNOUNCED
THAT THEY HAD MOBILIZED 3,500 MEN FOR DAY, ACTUAL
TOTAL OF POLICE ON DUTY, INCLUDING PLAINCLOTHESMEN AND
THOSE MANNING CLOSE TO 100 CHECKPOINTS, IS
SAID TO BE DOUBLE THIS FIGURE.

3. MAIN ANTI-MIDWAY EVENT WILL BE RALLY AND PARADE
ON OCTOBER 7 UNDER JOINT-SPONSORSHIP
OF 18 OPPOSITION PARTIES AND GROUPS. THE
MAIN SPONSORS, JSP AND JCP, EACH CLAIM THEY WILL BE
ABLE MOBILIZE 20,00. IN ADDITION,EXTREMIST STUDENTS
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PLAN TO BRING IN ABOUT 5,000 DEMONSTRATORS. NATIONAL
POLICE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THE JSP AND JCP
TURNOUT WILL NOT EXCEED 12,000 AND 13,000, RESPECTIVELY;
AND STUDENT GROUPS WILL NOT BRING IN MORE THAN 2,600.
NATIONAL POLICE AGENCY INFORMED EMBASSY EARLIER THAT
IT PLANNED TO BRING IN 6,000
RIOT POLICE FOR AREA EXTENDING FROM KANTO PLAIN TO NAGOYA.
INCLUDING SUPPORT ELEMENTS, HOWEVER, AT LEAST 10,000 POLICE WILL

RPOBABLY BE EMPLOYED SUNDAY.
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